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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2007, the shortened statutory period for which runs until December 4, 2007, please reconsider the subject application in light of the remarks herein. The fee for a one-month extension of time accompanies this Response, allowing the Applicants until February 4, 2008 to respond.

Applicants have determined that U.S. Patent Publication 2005/0198629 to Vishwanath (hereinafter "Vishwanath") does not qualify as a prior art reference for this application. Therefore, on the basis of this reply and the attached declarations and exhibits, Applicants respectfully request removal of Vishwanath as a reference and reconsideration of the rejections.